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SUBJECT: SECTION 22 ACTION ON CHEESE QUOTA

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED CONCERNED EMBASSIES THAT THE PRESIDENT ISSUED A PROCLAMATION EFFECTIVE APRIL 25 GENERALLY INCREASING THE ANNUAL CHEESE QUOTA QUANTITIES FOR EACH SUPPLYING COUNTRY BY 50 PERCENT WITH THESE ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES TO BE ENTERED DURING THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 1973.

2. IN MOST CASES, ASSURANCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM EXPORTING COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS THAT THEIR CHEESE PRODUCERS ARE IN A POSITION TO SUPPLY THE CHEESE NEEDED FOR A 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN ALL QUOTAS ALLOCATED TO THEM. IN ONLY A RELATIVELY FEW CASES WERE PROPOSALS TO SUPPLY AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF AN ALTERNATIVE TYPE OF QUOTA CHEESE OFFERED. THESE PROPOSALS WERE PARTIALLY ACCEPTED.

3. ONLY TWO COUNTRIES, ICELAND AND FINLAND, SUBMITTED FORMAL NOTIFICATIONS THAT THEIR CHEESE PRODUCERS ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO SUPPLY THE SUPPLEMENTAL QUANTITIES. THESE QUANTITIES THEREFORE ARE TO BE OBTAINED FROM ALTERNATIVE SOURCES.

4. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ICELAND AND FINLAND, THE ISSUANCE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION PROVIDES AN UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL ELIGIBLE EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO SUPPLY QUANTITIES OF CHEESE DURING THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR EQUAL TO 150 PERCENT OF THE AGGREGATE OF THEIR HISTORICAL ANNUAL QUOTA ALLOCATIONS.

5. ACTION INTENDED TO SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE CHEESE SUPPLIES IN NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. SINCE ONLY CHEESE IMPORTED DURING PERIOD FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION THROUGH JULY 31, 1973 IS ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY AGAINST 50 PERCENT INCREASE, EMBASSIES SHOULD ENCOURAGE HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES TO URGE
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PROMPT PRODUCER RESPONSE TO THIS OPPORTUNITY.

6. COPIES OF PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION WILL BE AIRPOUCHED ASAP. ROGERS

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